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SUBJECT: B.C. STEEL MILL

1. B.C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINISTER PHILLIPS RETURNED FROM TOKYO ON NOVEMBER 16 WITH THE NEWS THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH A PLANNED 4-MILLION TONS-A-YEAR STEEL MILL IN B.C.
 2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM TOKYO, NIPPON KOKAN K.K. KOBE STEEL LIMITED, WHICH HAD CONDUCTED LENGTHY FEASIBILITY STUDIES (IN WHICH THE B.C. GOVERNMENT HAD PARTICIPATED) FOR A MILL AT EITHER KITIMAT OR PRINCE GEORGE, CANCELLED ITS PLANS BECAUSE OF UNFAVORABLE CHANGES IN WORLD STEEL MARKET DEMAND AND BECAUSE PRODUCTION COSTS IN B.C. WOULD BE 20 PERCENT HIGHER THAN ELSEWHERE.
 3. PHILLIPS CONTINUES HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT THE JAPANESE DECISION IS ONLY TEMPORARY, ALTHOUGH, WHEN PRESSED BY REPORTERS, HE WUUNABLE TO GIVE ANY INDICATION WHEN OR WHETHER THE JAPANESE DECISION COULD BE REVERSED.
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